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## OLR Bill Analysis

### SB 380

#### ***AN ACT CONCERNING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS PROGRAM TO PROVIDE SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS WHO PRODUCE COMMERCIAL FOOD ACCESS TO COMMERCIAL KITCHENS.***

#### **SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) commissioner to provide grants, as part of an existing economic development grant program, to small business owners who produce commercial food with access to commercial kitchens.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2014

#### **BACKGROUND**

##### ***Economic Development Grant Program***

By law, the commissioner already provides economic grants for, among other things, (1) developing small business incubator program; (2) promoting research innovation and nanotechnology; and (3) promoting, retaining, and expanding hydrogen and fuel cell industries within the state.

DECD may enter into an agreement with any person, firm, corporation, or other entity to operate the grants program. The commissioner must prescribe application procedures that must include a (1) request for proposal and (2) competitive award process.

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 17      Nay 0      (03/18/2014)